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SUMMER WORKSHOPS

FROM THE GRADUATE WRITING CENTER
AND DUDLEY KNOX LIBRARY

July 8 – 30 • Zoom

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Summer Workshops!

Presented via Zoom by the
Dudley Knox Library &
Graduate Writing Center
July 2021

From Dudley Knox Library:

Library Quick Start

Develop research skills and learn how to use library search, databases, research guides, Google Scholar, and more!

Thesis Quick Start

Time to begin your thesis? Not sure how to start? This workshop covers academic research in general, as well as some NPS specifics.

Citation Management with Zotero

Save time and improve note-taking by learning Zotero, a free tool that helps you collect, manage, and format your references.

Inquiry and Argument:

Constructing Research Questions

Learn proven strategies for developing answerable questions given constraints in resources, time, paper length, topic, and data.

Crafting Convincing Arguments:

Attack/Defense

Learn the strategies and conventions of written argumentation that are essential to your NPS studies and career.

Critical Thinking in Review

Identify the differences between review and critical analysis. Practice assessing the strengths, weaknesses, agreements, and disagreements in scholarship.

Perfecting Paper Structure:

What (Nearly) Every Academic Paper Needs

Learn how the building blocks of academic papers fit together, making your papers more readable, complete, and academic.

Organization: The Secret to Academic Writing

Discover techniques that produce strong, readable papers and tools for effective communication.

Understanding Paper Types & Prompts

Review the types of papers you may be asked to write at NPS and strategies for decoding and understanding instructors' essay-exam and paper prompts.

Mastery Series:

Mastery Series: Grammar

Review common grammar errors writers make and learn how to avoid them.

Mastery Series: Punctuation

Small symbols with great power, punctuation marks can do it all—connect ideas, convey tone, clarify meaning.

Mastery Series: Clarity & Concision

Excellent clarity and concision stands as the core goal at the graduate and professional level of writing.



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Using Sources in Your Work:

Mastering the Literature Review

Assess the strengths and inadequacies in the existing literature to help you reach the goal of adding new knowledge to your field.

Paraphrasing & Quoting Like a Pro

Confidently incorporate others' words, ideas, analyses, models, and images into your own writing. Practice quoting, summarizing, and the art of the paraphrase.

Debating with Your Sources: They Say/I Say

Learn to construct your paper as a "conversation with others," applying the basic methods that scholars use to engage with larger debates.

The Art of Revising:

Strategies for Active-Voice Writing

Overusing passive voice is a common stylistic blunder. This workshop explains what passive voice looks like and why, in most cases, active constructions serve you better.

Building Better Sentences

Learn how to communicate clearly and simply by demystifying the elements of sentence structure, including common patterns and the active voice.

Getting Published:

Writing for Online Outlets

Want to impact broader military and security discussions? Learn to pitch, scope, draft, and revise short pieces for online outlets.

Writing for Academic Journals

Target journals for your discipline, decode submission requirements, query editors, and prepare manuscripts for your academic research.

Grad School Skills:

Strategic Reading I & II

In this popular workshop series, practice Professor Zachary Shore's method of reading at the graduate level. Learn techniques to quickly examine texts. Sessions are targeted to STEM or social Science students.

Mastering Note-Taking & Time Management

Learn and practice winning techniques for studying more effectively, taking useful notes, preparing for exams, and performing better during tests.

...and more!

How to Give a Classroom Presentation

Learn how to forge a powerful presentation, penetrate to the core of your subject, and pull it off in style.

Professional Executive Summaries

Executive summaries help your research find an audience. Learn how to prioritize information, avoid jargon, write persuasively, and navigate this form's rules.

Technical Writing

Learn the skills needed to write clear technical reports and theses. Together, you'll dissect a well-written report, and determine what makes it effective.

Illustrating Your Thesis with Tables & Figures

Master the art of knowing when and how various kinds of graphics can clarify a process or illustrate an argument.

LaTeX Crash Course for Student Research

Are you passionate about beautifully formatted equations? Learn the fundamentals of writing your thesis or dissertation in LaTeX.





Join on Zoom

ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 1: JULY 8-10



THURSDAY 7/8

What (Nearly) Every
Academic Paper Needs 1200-1300

Strategic Reading I 1700-1830

FRIDAY 7/9

Understanding Paper
Types and Prompts 1000-1130

Critical Thinking in Review 1300-1430

SATURDAY 7/10

Mastering Note-Taking
and Time Management 1000-1130

Strategic Reading I 1200-1330

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ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 2: JULY 12-17

MONDAY 7/12

Mastery Series: Grammar	1000-1130
Organization	1300-1430
Strategic Reading I	1700-1830

TUESDAY 7/13

Library Quick Start	1200-1250
Mastering the Literature Review	1500-1630

WEDNESDAY 7/14

Mastery Series: Punctuation	1000-1130
Thesis Quick Start	1200-1250
Crafting Convincing Arguments	1700-1830

THURSDAY 7/15

Strategies of Active- Voice Writing	1000-1130
Giving a Classroom Presentation	1200-1330
Debating Sources: They Say / I Say	1500-1630
Research Questions	1500-1630

FRIDAY 7/16

Citation Management with Zotero	1000-1150
Strategic Reading I	1200-1330

SATURDAY 7/17

Paper Types and Prompts	1000-1130
Paraphrasing and Quoting Like a Pro	1000-1130
Crafting Convincing Arguments	1200-1330

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ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 3: JULY 17-24

MONDAY 7/19

Technical Writing	0930-1100
LaTeX Crash Course	1000-1200
Building Better Sentences	1300-1430
Organization	1500-1630

TUESDAY 7/20

Strategic Reading II	1000-1130
Thesis Quick Start	1200-1250
Strategic Reading I	1300-1430
Paraphrasing and Quoting Like a Pro	1500-1630

WEDNESDAY 7/21

Mastery Series: Grammar	1000-1130
Library Quick Start	1200-1250

THURSDAY 7/22

Executive Summaries	1200-1300
Mastery Series: Punctuation	1300-1430
Strategic Reading: STEM	1700-1830

FRIDAY 7/23

Citation Management with Zotero	1000-1150
Writing for Online Outlets	1200-1330

SATURDAY 7/24

Strategic Reading: STEM	1000-1130
Strategic Reading II	1200-1330

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ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 4: JULY 26-30



MONDAY 7/26

What (Nearly) Every
Academic Paper
Needs 1000-1100

Clarity and Concision 1500-1630

WEDNESDAY 7/28

Writing for Academic
Journals 1000-1130

Strategic Reading II 1200-1330

Mastering Note-Taking
and Time Management 1700-1830

TUESDAY 7/27

Strategic Reading: STEM 1000-1130

Building Better
Sentences 1530-1700

THURSDAY 7/29

Illustrate Your Thesis
with Tables and Figures 1000-1130

FRIDAY 7/30

Citation Management
with Zotero 1000-1150

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Accessing Workshops and Coaching in the NPS Dudley Knox Library, SU 2021

DKL Hours:
M–F 0730–1730

GWC Team:
M–F onsite & virtual
Sat–Sun virtual
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DKL and GWC Workshops:

- All delivered via Zoom
- Join via laptop in the GWC, or DKL Rooms 151 or 161*

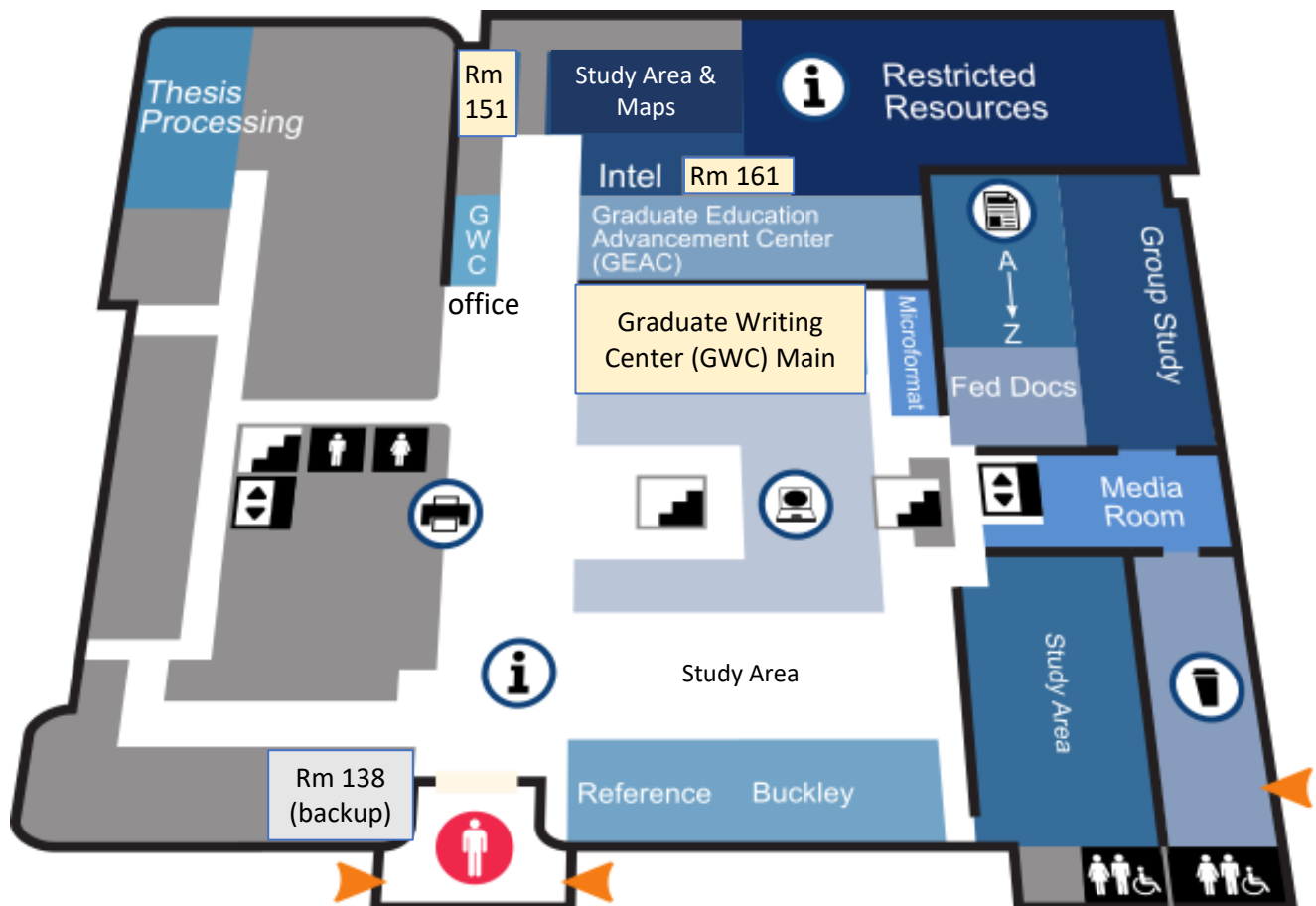
GWC Coaching:

- In person and via Zoom or Teams, check [WCOOnline](#) for coach's location
- Meet in the GWC* or join your coach online from the GWC or another study space



Room Capacities*

GWC Main: 15 ppl
151: 12
161: 4
138: 4



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